

Chatham Township Environmental Commission  
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Minutes of the Tuesday, October 7, 2008 CTEC Meeting

The meeting of the Chatham Township Environmental Commission convened at 7:15 pm on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at the Township Municipal Building. In attendance were CTEC members K. Abbott, L. Caprioglio, S. Carroll, P. Collington, P. Payton, O. Raadam, D. Stillinger, and W. O'Connor.

CTEC'S PURPOSE (N.J.S.A. 40:56A, 1968): to undertake projects and make recommendations concerning the protection or use of natural resources, including water resources, located within or directly affecting Chatham Township.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT -- The meeting schedule for 2008 was published in the Chatham Courier & Daily Record newspapers and posted on the main bulletin board at the Township municipal building. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings and participate in projects.

Minutes

P. Payton motioned to approve the minutes from September 9, 2008, S. Carroll 2<sup>nd</sup> with all in favor.

Meeting Dates for 2008 and January 2009

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|---------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Tues Jan 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2008 | Tues Apr 1st, 2008  | July – no meeting                    | Tues Oct 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2008 |
| Tues Feb 5th, 2008              | Tues May 6th, 2008  | <b>Tues Aug 5th, 2008 – canceled</b> |                                 |
| Tues Nov 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2008 | Tues Mar 4th, 2008  | Tues June 3rd, 2008                  | Tues Sept 9, 2008               |
| Tues Dec 2nd, 2008              | Tues Jan 6th, 2009. |                                      |                                 |

AWARD

NJ Clean Communities Award presented to CTEC on May 22 by the NJ Clean Communities Council for the Commission's Riverside Cleanup project. S. Hoag

ANJEC Environmental Awards for 2008 to CTEC: Environmental Achievement Award for Township energy and emission inventory performed by S. Carroll and K. Abbott. Environmental Achievement Commendation for Back2Tap program to limit use of plastic water bottles, directed by P. Collington and K. Abbott.

EVENTS

- Thursday, October 16, 2008, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 6 PM. Morris County Transportation Workshop. RSVP by Oct. 8 to Deena Cybulski, Assistant Director of the Morris County Division of Transportation at dcybulski@co.morris.nj.us or 973-829-8101. Free. More info on the Regional Transportation Plan is at [www.njtpa.org](http://www.njtpa.org).
- Wednesday, October 29, 2008, at the Hanover Manor, 16 Eagle Rock Ave., East Hanover. Ground Water Protection Committee Summit. Registration and breakfast will begin at 8:30 am, and the program begins at 9 am. Free. Speakers include Eileen Swan of the Highlands Council staff & John Thonet.
- Thursday, October 30, 2008, Borough Hall, 221 S. 5th Ave., Highland Park, NJ 08904. 7-9:30 PM. Elements of Sustainability - Greening Your Master Plan and Ordinances. Free for CTEC members. [www.anjec.org](http://www.anjec.org).
- October 29 & 30, 2008, course given by Rutgers, "Lake Management." [www.cpe.rutgers.edu](http://www.cpe.rutgers.edu).
- Monday & Tuesday, November 17 & 18, 2008, at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum. 6th Annual Volunteer Monitoring and Education Summit. \$55. [www.state.nj.us/dep/wms/bfbm/vm](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/wms/bfbm/vm).

APPLICATION/LOI REVIEW

- NEW. ST. HUBERT'S. 9-23-08. Block 142, Lot 4.01. Application to Board of Adjustment for final site plan approval to expand existing facility. Conservation easement to NJDEP required as a condition. Suggest Board of Adjustment require applicant to present it with a copy of the recorded deed of conservation easement before granting final approval. EC concerned about easement, would like copy of recorded easement.
- NEW. 494 SOUTHERN BLVD. 9-17-08. Block 128, Lot 6. LOI application. O.Raadam, S. Carroll, P. Collington to review.

- PENDING. 27 PEMBROOKE RD. Block 16, Lot 7. Wetland permit application to NJDEP for General Permit #8 to expand existing structure. S. Carroll motioned to accept, second by P. Payton with all in favor to send letter to NJDEP.
- PENDING. 689 SHUNPIKE RD. 6-27-08. Block 144, Lot 24. Wetland permit application to NJDEP for construction in wetlands. Commission addressed concerns and commented on letter to be drafted and circulated for editing before being sent to NJDEP. O. Raadam motions to accept, second by P. Collington, P. Payton abstain, all others in favor to send letter to NJDEP.
- PENDING. 529 GREEN VILLAGE RD., GREEN VILLAGE FIREHOUSE. 6-30-08. Block 48.21, Lot 179. Wetland permit application to NJDEP to build a telecommunications tower and place equipment in wetlands buffers. CTEC sent a letter to the Board of Adjustment in May outlining the EC's observations and reservations. S. Carroll motioned to accept, second by O. Raadam with all in favor to send letter to NJDEP.  
Review proposed letter to NJDEP. D. Stillinger.
- PENDING. 11 WICKHAM WAY. 6-4-08. Block 48.08, Lot 5. LOI application to NJDEP. S. Carroll to review species on IMAP. P. Collington motioned to accept, second by L. Caprioglio with all in favor to send letter to NJDEP.
- PENDING. 656 FAIRMOUNT AVE. Merrel. New plans received by Chatham Township 9-12-08. Block 17, Lots 79 and 79.01. Application to Planning Board for minor subdivision. Request to alter property lines on the two lots. No LOI has been obtained although wetlands exist in the vicinity of the pond and drainage ditch. Property slopes to rear, drainage is to power lines, Stonewick Drive, and then to Great Swamp NWR. Property is in R-3 (1/2-acre) zone, each new lot would be over an acre. Two existing buildings and a shed on the lots. Several retaining walls proposed. L. Caprioglio to check with Rushkey if LOI has been requested, if not Commission to send memo to Planning Board suggesting LOI should be obtained because of proximity to Great Swamp. E-mail memo to EC members for comments/editing. S. Carroll motioned to accept, second by P. Payton with all in favor to send memo to Planning Board.
- PENDING. 7 SYCAMORE DRIVE. 4-30-08. Block 38, lot 42.05. Devco Associates, LLC. Application to Planning Board for amended final site plan approval for relief from limits of slope disturbance required by ordinance. Application is not moving forward at this time.
- PENDING. REXCORP. 3-31-08. Block 142 Lots 1 & 2 in Chatham Township, and Block 3303 Lot 2 in Madison. Application to NJDEP for Freshwater Wetlands Permit. EC letters to NJDEP sent 7-18-07 and 5-6-08. Waiting for reply from NJDEP concerning vernal pools on the property.
- PENDING. ST. HUBERT'S ANIMAL WELFARE CENTER. 9-5-08, 2-15-08. Block 142, Lot 4.01. Application to NJ DEP for a Treatment Works Approval permit for a septic system receiving over 2,000 gallons per day. D. Stillinger.
- PENDING. OAK KNOLL SCHOOL. 9-11-07. Public hearing was held on 9-11-07 concerning request to break the DEP conservation easement on the Oak Knoll school property at Hickory Tree in order to replace an existing stormwater pipe. DEP and Township engineer had no objection. A bad call by the DEP declaring a non-isolated wetland to be isolated is continuing to cause drainage problems in that entire area. CTEC is following this application.

## REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Township Committee – Discussing strategies concerning Rolling Knolls Superfund site. Shunpike Field – classified wetland by DEP, plans being revised for 1 field, 2009 spring/summer construction to begin. Community garden resident plots to be re-established, Chatham Township in good financial status, township to bond for sewer plant upgrade. W. O'Connor.

Field Turf – Commission viewed samples and discussed literature on tire crumb rubber based field turf. K. Abbott

GreenFair – September 13 – good location change, good start, need more visibility. K. Abbott, P. Collington.

Electronics Recycling – October 4 event successful, recycling subcommittee to review direction of recycling event, would like to get borough more involved.

ANJEC – October 3 meeting attended by D. Stillinger and S. Carroll, observed power point of “Back2tap”, rain garden on exhibit, (for more information - [www.empowermentinstitute.net/lcd](http://www.empowermentinstitute.net/lcd) and “Low Carbon Diet Book”).

Planning Board – COAH requirements for township increased, plan needs to be submitted to Trenton by 12/31. Next Planning Board meeting October 20.

Open Space – bike path progressing, preconstruction meeting planned. O'Connor.

Education and Outreach subcommittee – working with schools on recycling projects, 8 handouts on various subjects. P. Collington.

Energy subcommittee – Energy audit is in effect. S. Carroll.

Ground Water Protection Committee meeting - Ground Water Protection Committee meeting October 29, Summit, NJ. P. Collington

Review proposed 2009 CTEC budget:

| PROPOSED 2009 CTEC BUDGET             |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Secretary                             | \$1,375.   |
| ANJEC dues (Workshop plan)            | 400.       |
| River Cleanup expenses                | 100.       |
| Environmental brochure (print & mail) | 1,500.     |
| Promotional and display items         | 500.       |
|                                       |            |
| Total                                 | \$3,975.00 |

#### RECENT LETTERS SENT

- September 2008. Letter to Chatham Athletic Foundation suggesting alternatives to crumb rubber for artificial turf.
- May 2008. 47 & 51 Ormont Road to Planning Board, Verizon cell tower in Green Village to Board of Adjustment, 428 River Road to NJDEP, 49 Woodmont Drive to NJDEP, RexCorp re vernal pools to NJDEP.

#### MAIL RECEIVED (not including applications and notices mentioned above)

- CTEC financial expense statement from M. Gerba through September 2008.
- Notice of Deficiency dated 5-8-08 from NJDEP to Hickory Tree Garage/Juniper Village (c/o Joanne Debiasse) for the Remedial Action Progress Report dated 9-12-07. No Baseline Ecological Evaluation, no update on contaminant level found in soil samples collected on 5-6-05 and no historical soil sampling results for the duration of the project. Hickory Tree Garage/Juniper Village submitted a NFA (No Further Action) request to the NJDEP. The vapor extraction machinery which had been operating on and off in the dumpster area since March 2000 has been removed.
- Minutes of Long Hill EC and Chatham Borough EC, various newsletters, event announcements, and flyers.

CTEC MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:15 PM.

Carolyn Scannelli  
Minutes Secretary